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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): S. SHIGEMATSU

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For: MAGNETORESISTIVE EFFECT HEAD AND A METHOD OF  
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**AMENDMENT**

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August 10, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action May 12, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendment of the Claims;

Remarks are included following the amendments; and

Amendments to the Drawings describing changes to the drawings shown in the Appendix;

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following the Remarks.